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DELAYED ARRIVAL AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Forbes has listed Mumbai`s Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Delhi`s Indira Gandhi International Airport and Bengaluru International Airport of India among the ten most delayed-arrival airports in the world for 2008;

(b) if so, whether the Government has identified the reasons for these long delays;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Forbes in its story titled `The World`s Most Delayed Airports` published in Jan-08, 2009 has mentioned the names of CSI Airport, Mumbai; IGI Airport, New Delhi and Bengaluru International Airport, Devenahalli among other airports across the world a s having delyed arrivals in the year 2008.

(b) & (c) The reasons for delays are due to Air Traffic Management, Airlines internal/external factors and airport infrastructure. Major reason for delayed arrival of flights is the bunching of flights during specific hours of the day, due non-adherence of their schedule of operations, low visibility conditions due to fogy weather prevelant in Northern India, etc.

(d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Airport Operators have taken the following measures:

(i) Improved ATC procedures have been framed.

(ii) Clearance Delivery Position has been established at Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru airports.

(iii) Simultaneous use of two runway operatons at Delhi airport and cross runway operations at Mumbai have been implemented during the congesition period.

(iv) ATC Automation System at Delhi and Mumbai have been upgraded.

(v) Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System (ASMGCS) along with Surface Movement Radar are in operation at Delhi & Bengaluru airports & planned at Mumbai airport.

(vi) Ban on general aviation aircraft during peak period at Mumbai airport has been imposed.

In addition, Directorate General of Civil Aviation has constituted a Task Force to monitor on time performance on monthly basis.

With the operationalisation of third runway at Delhi airport and completion of other infrstructure projects at other airports, the situation has improved considerably.